

An Act of Oblivion

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The Lord Proprietary is willing that it should bee enacted and bee it enacted by the said Lord Proprietary with the consent of the upper and lower house of this Assembly that ther shall bee an utter Abolition of all actions tending to recover dammages for any faulte committed against any one in his Lordship's peace by any of the party who were in Rebellion against his Lordship's Government here att any tyme betweene the 15th of February 1644 and the 5th of August 1646 excepting Richard Ingle and John Darford Marryners and such others of the Isle of Kent as were not pardoned by his Lordship's Brother Leonard Calvert Esq^r deceased his Lordship's late Leuietenant of this Province. And likewise of all actions tending to recover Price for any goods or labour imployed during the said-tyme for the defence of the Country, and be it further enacted by the authority and Consent aforsaid that noe Contracts made with the said party, then in Rebellion against the Government or any person of that party to the use mayntenance or behoofe of the said Rebellion shall bee actionable in any Courts of his Lordships And that all Contracts other then when the true Owner was party the matter wherof was any plundered goods or Cattle shall bee voyed in Lawe And all such price as have been received for any of them by the wrongfull Possessor shall bee restored, and the Lord Proprietary out of his greate Benignety and tender affection to the Inhabitants of this Province is further pleased, that it may bee enacted, and bee it enacted by the authority and Consent aforesaid, that all the Inhabitants and members of this Province (except before excepted) shall bee absolutely and freely pardoned of all offences whatsoever Capitall or other Committed or perpetrated at any tyme betweene the said 15th February 1644 and the said 5th August 1646 and for the better preserving of peace and unity it is allsoe enacted by the Authority and with the Consent aforesaide that all revileing speeches practises or Attempts tending to the disturbance of the Amity desired, and intended, and namely all revileing or upbraiding of other with matter of plunder Rebellion or any other Odious or reproachfull tearmes for any matter or thing pardoned by his Lordship or abolished by vertue of this Act bee utterly forborne and layd aside upon payne of imprisonment during pleasure Fine banishment Stocks Pillory whipping any one or more of these as the Leuietenant or Chancellor and Councell of this province for the tyme being or the Major part of them then being in Court present wherof the said Leuietenant or Chancellor or their respective Deputy (being allsoe one of the said Councell) to bee allwayes one and to have a casting voyce shall think fitt.